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DiGRAZIA DENIES CHARGES

Boston Police Commissioner Robert J. diGrazia has denied allegations that the Police Department is proceeding with illegal surveillance and record-keeping of gay people, with specific reference to the section of the city known as "the Block." The charges were originally made last month by the Homophile Union of Boston and GCN following an upsurge in police activity on "the Block" and the increase in use of the Field Interrogation and/or Observation (FIO) reports.

The FIO report is a record of observation and/or interrogation of certain persons by a police officer. The FIO is similar to a police record, except that the person questioned has no right to challenge the information contained, and there is no way to protect him from lies made by police officers.

DeGrazia said, "The Boston Police Department has a duty to anticipate and prevent criminal activity, as well as a duty to apprehend criminal offenders. To act effectively, police officers need information about the neighborhoods they work in and about the people who live in and frequent those neighborhoods. FIO reports are nothing more than memoranda of observations by police officers, observations which the officers consider sufficiently significant and that should not be trusted to the vicissitudes of memory."

The commissioner also denied that the FIOs are a form of harassment directed at gay people, and said that they "are not intended to be, nor are they used as, discriminatory or punitive devices. The information recorded in them consists entirely of responses of individuals to proper police questioning, along with observations of public, not private, activities. This infor-

mation is gathered by lawful means. Only authorized personnel of the police department have access to the reports," he said.

The last statement is a contradiction to a charge made by Attorney Francis J. Demento of Boston, counsel to Jacques, The Other Side, and the Massachusetts Nightclub Owners Association. Demento insists that the FIO information is available to anyone in the police department, and is available to any law enforcement agency in the country.

DeGrazia defended the system: "Such gathering of information is clearly within the powers of the police department. No individual rights are infringed." DiGrazia stated that a similar system used by the

Department of Defense in Washington was upheld in court, and that the court ruled that such a system was "not only permissible and constitutional . . . but also commendable and to be encouraged."

In addition, he denied that police officers were engaging in antagonizing behavior when questioning gay people. He stated that persons who frequent high-crime areas at night will continue to be subject to investigations and scrutiny by police officers.

The original charges did not object to the investigations per se, only to the fact that unchallengeable records were being kept on non-criminals by the police department.

In addition, DiGrazia did not answer questions relative to the purging of the FIO record, or explain how a police officer decides when to write the FIO. There is considerable buck-passing within the police department as to who can delete the

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ASSAULT ON ESPLANADE

Robert Dow and Donald Meuse were assaulted Sunday night while returning home from the Summerthing on the Fens. The couple were walking along the Charles River arm in arm and as they stopped for a drink of water at the water fountain four youths, white, average size, shoulder length hair, approximately 18 to 19 years old, approached them.

The four quickly surrounded Meuse who had just stepped away from the fountain. One of the assailants inquired, "Which one of you is the fag?" and then proceeded to sock Meuse in the face, kicked him and throw him to the ground. Meuse remained on the ground as the group turned on Dow. Their attack on Dow was done more forcefully and in the attempt to kick him to the ground broke his leg and kicked two of his teeth out.

Meuse and Dow, while laying on the ground, then received several more kicks in their face and body. At this point one of the group yelled, "You better not call the cops!" and ran off. Shortly after the two got to their feet and went to Massachusetts General Hospital. On Cambridge Street

they spoke to police and related the incident.

Meuse told GCN, "Those guys were definitely there to beat up fags, they never asked or tried to get any money." Going back over the incident, Meuse recalled, "While they were beating us they kept yelling something like, 'Kill you fucking fags!' and 'We hate you fags.'"

While Dow was receiving treatment for his injuries, Meuse returned to the Esplanade in hopes of locating Dow's hearing aid which had been knocked off during the attack. A young man who Meuse met on his return to the scene recalled seeing the four earlier in the evening. A friend after hearing of the assault recalled a similar set up several days before while walking his dog.

"More than just telling this story, Bob and I want people to know what's going on and that those guys are out there."

MAKE IT HAPPEN

Cambridge Gay Picnic

In spite of the city of Cambridge's last minute cancellation of their picnic permit, 60 gay men and women from Cambridge ate and played frisbee in Longfellow Park, Cambridge, on Bastille Sunday, July 14.

Laura McMurphy had obtained a permit on June 28 from Asst. City Mgr. Robert Healy, saying that about thirty people would be there and the group had no particular name. She did not say the people would be gay. The picnic was advertised by flyer and announcements in the *Real Paper*, *Cambridge Chronicle* and *Gay Community News*. On July 12 Laura received a registered letter from Healy saying, "It

has come to my attention that you grossly misrepresented yourself and the purpose of your picnic . . . I hereby revoke the permission granted . . . for your intended use is not consistent with the historic and peaceful nature of the site." Efforts to contact Healy prior to the picnic regarding this letter were unsuccessful.

Two Cambridge policemen arrived at the picnic half an hour after its start. "We were expecting a big party here," they said, as they surveyed the citizens quietly munching sandwiches and sipping cold vegetable soup. "Where is it?" asked someone, and everyone laughed. The two

officers accepted two cold cokes, wished everyone a good day, and left.

A middle-aged couple stationed themselves on the sidewalk at the edge of the crowd and stared at the picnickers for half an hour.

On the Monday after the picnic, Asst. City Mgr. Healy was asked about his objection to the picnic. He said that people from the Longfellow Historical Site had called him about the flyers. In his judgment, the flyers were likely to attract a large crowd of hundreds, unsuitable for the small park. "Had I known about the ad-

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Talking Politics

by David P. Brill

BITS AND PIECES FROM
THE OLD NOTEBOOK—

That "meeting with the Quinn forces" that I had planned to attend never quite materialized. Although I was extended a written invitation to this soiree a few weeks ago, one of Quinn's people called me a few days before the event, and told me that it was being cancelled, and that I would be contacted when it would be rescheduled. However, the night of the meeting, I made it my business to go to where the affair was scheduled to meet, and saw that the meeting was, indeed, taking place. Well, at least Quinn knows who his friends are, and who his friends aren't.

In the contest for Lieutenant Governor, the polls show that the leading contender on the Democratic side is also a friend to Gays. Rep. Thomas P. O'Neill III of Cambridge, son of the Congressman, has supported our legislation on Beacon Hill with his vote, and appears to be running ahead of his closest competitor, Boston City Councillor Chris Ianella, no doubt with a little help from his father.

Gays in the communities of Newton and Brookline can't really lose either way in the upcoming Senate race. Due to redistricting, the two incumbent Senators, Irving Fishman of Newton, and Jack Backman of Brookline, will be running against each other. Both men have strongly pro-gay voting records, as well as largely Jewish, liberal constituencies. Issue-wise, there is almost no difference between the two, except for the fact that Fishman, as Chairman of the Banking Committee, has taken stands that seem to support the banking communities. This race is going to be a bloodbath, and it's going to be very close.

Back Bay - Beacon Hill Gays certainly are in a disadvantageous position insofar as the Senate contest there goes. Sen. William M. Bulger of South Boston, their former Senator, was appointed to a judgeship last week. Due to a complicated electoral process that will occur because of the timing of his appointment (too complicated to explain here), the front-runner for his seat is Rep. Raymond L. Flynn, also of South

Boston. Flynn filed Atty. Gen. Quinn's anti-pornography bill for him this year, and has consistently been one of the most outspoken anti-Black, anti-woman, anti-Gay legislative Neanderthals in the State House, and it's too bad that he seems to be up for a promotion. Although the two Southie wards comprise only about half of the district, it is these South Boston voters who turn out at the polls in greater percentages than the Back Bay voters. Oh well, maybe we can "zap" him sometime next year if he's elected.

My friend Rep. George DiLorenzo of East Boston is at it again. Georgie, who is challenging Sen. Michael LoPresti for the East Boston-North End-Winthrop-Charlestown-Cambridge seat, is spreading rumors throughout the District that LoPresti filed the pro-gay legislation this year. (It was enough of a chore getting Mike to vote for the bills, never mind file them!) Anyway, George is running a smear campaign, and it's going to be a close race, too close to call, for two reasons. One, DiLorenzo has the full endorsement of E.B. Rep. Gus Serra, and two, smear campaigns are common and often effective in this district, because of the generally unsophisticated voters that stock East Boston and the North End. You read it here first!

Suffolk County Sheriff Tom Eisenstadt is being challenged by Boston City Councillor Dapper O'Neil. Tom is a pretty good guy, and has privately supported the gay movement. While there's not much a Sheriff can do to be pro-gay, there's a lot he could do to be anti-gay (he's in charge of the Charles Street Jail). Since Dapper's gay platform consists of a combination of psychiatry and extermination, I'd advise Boston, Revere, Chelsea, and Winthrop gay voters to go with Eisenstadt.

And finally, if you've been wondering about Caroll Sheehan, the Governor's challenger in the Republican primary, forget it. Sheehan fits in well with the Agnew-Reagan-Ashbrook wing of the Republican party. So while the Democrats may traditionally be the donkeys in politics, Sheehan truly represents the asses. But if you happen to be a construction company, bank, or chamber of commerce, I guess you'd like him.

REUBEN RAIDERS

A recent confrontation in Philadelphia between the Gay Raiders and Dr. David Reuben involved some violence and an arrest, but may also have produced yet another gay victory. The Raiders, who zap anti-gay persons and media, came to protest Reuben's remarks on homosexuality and took away a commitment for a pro-gay speaker in the same lecture series.

Reuben, author of the best-seller, *Everything You've Always Wanted to Know About Sex*, was scheduled to speak in the City of Brotherly Love on June 17 at the Playhouse in the Park. His talk was part of a series on sex sponsored by the Lincoln Bank Foundation.

Gay Raiders leader Mark Segal, known for zapping media that present inadequate or misleading coverage of gay life, and who was recently found guilty of disrupting Walter Cronkite's CBS Evening News, explained in a press release that Reuben's book gravely distorts homosexuality. The book, argues Segal, "views homosexuality as an illness, ignores Lesbianism almost entirely, describes gay men as 'part time women,'" says that gay men do not wear underwear, and makes many other assertions that are offensive, irrelevant or untrue. In making these assertions, the press release goes on, Reuben is committing "a crime against gays." "We plan to disrupt him whenever he is in Philadelphia; and we have been in contact with other gay liberationists around the country who plan the same," the June 17 release concluded.

And so the encounter took place. As Segal explained to GCN, a Gay Raider

stationed himself at each of the eight aisles leading to the central stage. As Reuben began to talk, they all walked down and surrounded the speaker. Segal then announced there would be a trial for the "criminal," with the audience as jury. At this point, Reuben, according to Segal, began to bite, kick, and scream at the zappers. "Aren't these the things gay people are supposed to do?" shouted Segal. "I should kick you in your fucking balls," the Doctor shouted back, in an apparent loss of composure. There was no further dialogue between the antagonists, Segal said.

Finally the management intervened and

made an agreement with the Raiders: if they would allow Reuben to speak, the Raiders would get a chance to make a statement of their own. This compromise pleased everyone except Reuben, who refused to go on unless the Raiders were removed. The police came and began throwing the demonstrators out.

At this point, Bernie Boyle, who had come not as a Gay Raider but simply on his own to ask questions about a recent Reuben article in *Cosmopolitan*, was identified by a member of the audience as "one of them." Boyle, a member of the editorial collective of Philadelphia's journal, *The Gay Alternative*, said that he did go on stage with the Raiders, but sat down with them to hear the Reuben lecture when the compromise was reached. As he got up to leave, Boyle was immediately grabbed by a policeman and pushed along. Boyle pushed back, the cop shoved him, and soon the policeman was hitting Boyle with his club. Both Boyle and the cop were hospitalized, Boyle with a large number of cuts on the head and a chipped vertebra. He was also the only person arrested during the confrontation. Boyle is now awaiting trial, charged with assault, conspiracy to riot and several other counts. Boyle told GCN he saw no reason why he should be singled out for arrest, and has filed charges against both Reuben and the police officer.

Reuben, who did not press charges, continued with his lecture to a crowd diminished by one third. Segal said that many who left told him they were walking out in disgust at the police tactics.

Reuben, in an apparent effort to explain what had happened, told the Philadelphia *Courier* that perhaps his book had been misinterpreted: "I said in the book that some homosexuals thrive on danger. It's really a long story, but we had a perfect example of what I was talking about right here this morning."

But the confrontation did bring some favorable changes for gay people in Philadelphia. The Lincoln Bank Foundation and the Gay Raiders issued a joint statement calling the whole incident a misunderstanding. The Foundation also promised that, if the series is continued, they will allow the Raiders to present a pro-gay speaker of their own choice. A Philadelphia TV station has also encouraged the Raiders to respond to its editorial attacking disruptive tactics. Segal indicated his group will use the TV time to explain the reasons for their zap.

Segal wryly summed up the Raiders' action this way: "We thought that Dr. Reuben should be given a nice, warm welcome to Philadelphia — the city of sisterly and brotherly love."

Segal remains optimistic about the value of the Raiders' techniques, in spite of being found guilty of criminal trespass in his now famous Dec. 11, 1973 zap of The CBS Evening News with Walter Cronkite. Since Aug. 15, 1972, when they disrupted a Philly TV news program, the Raiders have been zapping local and national TV shows, political events, and local Philadelphia officials, winning concessions all along for better treatment of gays. Segal, who told GCN, "I've never done anything illegal in my life," counted the concessions made by the networks as worth the hassles he's encountered. CBS was at first reluctant to agree to the demands ABC and NBC had accepted, but since the December zap, CBS News has done six stories on gays, and the officials in charge of prime time programs have promised to present gay life in a manner acceptable to gay people. Finally, Walter Cronkite appear-

Police Ask HALP for Help

Provincetown Police Chief James Meade, Monday afternoon, July 8, summoned Associate Director of The Homophile Assistance League of Provincetown Bill Damon to his office for a meeting with Chief Meads and Cape Cod National Seashore district ranger James Hawkins.

It was the first time Lower Cape law enforcement officials had contacted Homophile League members to request action on the part of Provincetown's gay community aimed at avoiding future arrests of gay people.

Citing numerous complaints from straight families out picknicking on the Herring Cove Beach area about gay nude sun bathers, Ranger Hawkins informed Damon that unless buck bathing was curbed along the beach he would be forced to request help from P'town police in raiding and clearing the area.

With the aid of a beach map, it was determined that, unlike the Pamet Beach area in Truro, there is no spot along the water at Herring Grove where bathers can go nude and remain out of the line of sight of families driving the beach trails to

Long Point (the Cape tip).

"The area of the High Dunes is another story," ranger Hankins stated. "Anyone returning into that area knows what to expect and families would have to go out of their way to get there. We have no official policy on nude sun bathing but must restrict it where people can and do complain."

Chief Meads then broadened the topics by informing Damon that the police had received numerous complaints about activity around the Provincetown Bas Relief monument after the bars closed (1 a.m.) and found the situation to be "intolerable." Eight persons had been busted for "unnatural acts" in that area July 4th weekend.

Citing the fact that car headlights shine on the area and illuminate the activity there, the chief assured Damon that unless activity there was terminated there would be numerous future arrests.

While both Meads and Damon are investigating the possibility of flood lighting the area, the obvious question of what to do when the situation crops up somewhere

else arose.

"When I receive complaints about activity elsewhere, I will contact representatives of the gay community," Meads assured Damon.

At a later meeting between the chief and the Homophile League's advisory board it was agreed that the league and the police department would try working together with the ultimate aim of avoiding arrests.

"It is the policy of the Provincetown Police to treat homosexuals as we would any other citizens," Meads assured the board. "But we must react to complaints involving public sex. To my knowledge every gay visitor has a room to go to and what they do there is their own business."

The Homophile League is asking for the full cooperation of the New England Gay Community in this matter. Visitors to P'town are requested to contact league representatives through the Provincetown Drop-In Center, 487-0387, or directly 487-9633 should they require either assistance while in town or other information.

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FIO record. Deputy Police Supt. Joseph Jordan is named by the patrolmen as being the one who can remove the record, but he denies it. Sources within City Hall indicate that the removal of the FIO is often politically initiated through any City Councillor's office, through Mayor White's office, or sometimes at the request of certain area state legislators.

A group of civil rights lawyers and the Massachusetts chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union are reportedly taking an interest in this matter with HUB to determine whether a court challenge to the FIO system will take place.



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vertising I would have recommended Fresh Pond," he said.

Cambridge people interested in planning another get together and/or in bringing the Gay Rights issue into the elections campaign for State Representative this summer, call Wayne at 868-0019 as soon as possible.

MASH

Last month the Mass Association of Self-Help Programs (MASH) held its annual conference to discuss the state of drug rehabilitation programs.

At that meeting several interest groups met to discuss their unique problems. In addition to Women and Third World group a Gay Caucus was formed.

In their statement the Gay Caucus said, "People are being denied access to treatment solely on the basis of sexual preference. Gays are not recognized as people who have made a personal choice, but rather as individuals who have a greater problem than can be served in a self-help context. Those who are accepted are subjected to heterosexual philosophy and the bias of the staff."

The Gay Caucus has formed an on-going Gay Task Force in order to "act as advocates for gay people both staff and members through education, training and support."

The Task Force intends to monitor programs, establish standards and guidelines and investigate grievances concerning violation of human rights in treatment and staffing.

Support within the Department of Mental Health and especially in the Division of Drug Rehabilitation has been encouraging. Dr. William Goldman, Commissioner of Mental Health, has ordered the phrase "sexual preference" added to the anti-discrimination policy of the department in both the programs administered by the department and contracted services.

Persons interested in information or in helping may contact Len Thomas or Karen Pavidis at the division's office, 190 Portland St., Boston.

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ed at the trial of Segal and his co-defendant Harry Langhorne to testify *in their behalf*. But the pair were still found guilty on June 28 (the anniversary, Segal pointed out, of the Stonewall riots). They will be sentenced on July 31, and could get a maximum of \$500 fine and 90 days in jail.

Expenses for the defense have already totalled over \$3000 and Segal and Langhorne are having a difficult time paying them. Further costs, including the possible fine, will add to their problems. They have asked gay people across the country to help underwrite their trial expenses. Donations for the defense can be sent to the Gay Raiders Defense Fund, or to G.R.D.F., Post Office Box 15786, Philadelphia, Pa. 19103.



GCN has a new publisher! Linda Lachman, the news director for the Gay Way Radio show, was selected for the position of publisher by the governing board of the paper last Thursday.

Office of Gay Concerns Approved

The proposed Unitarian-Universalist Office of Gay Concerns came one step closer to establishment after the denomination's annual General Assembly, held during Gay Pride Week at New York's Hotel Americana.

Last year in Toronto the General Assembly authorized the Office, however, not its funding. But this time funding was authorized, and the Office of Gay Concerns must now be approved at the annual denominational Board of Trustees meeting in October.

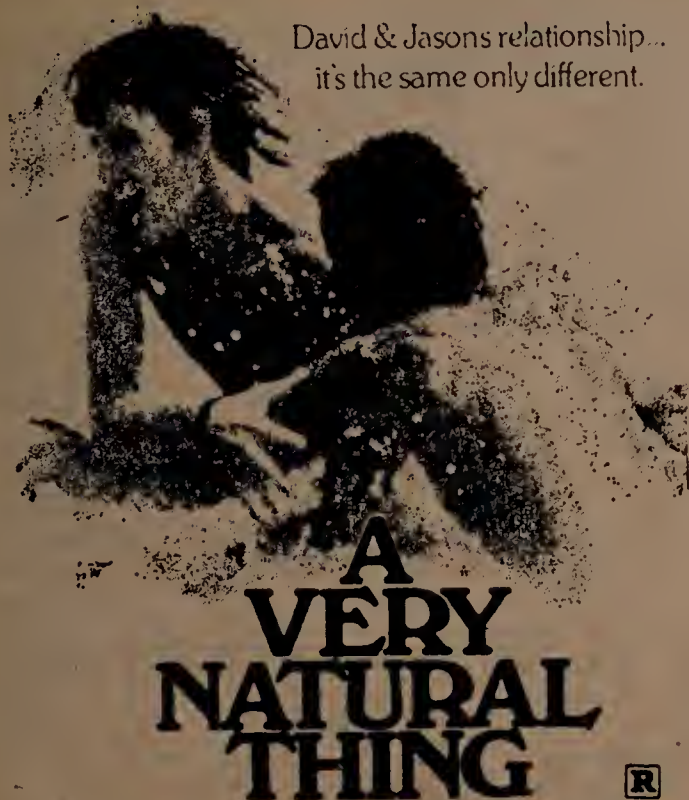
The General Assembly vote was a vic-

tory for the Unitarian-Universalist Gay Caucus, which has been lobbying for three years. The office is proposed as a center for education and counseling for gay Unitarians.

After the conclusion of the General Assembly, members of the Caucus held a worship service Saturday evening at the first Unitarian Church, in Brooklyn Heights. A dozen members also marched together in Sunday's parade.

John Kyper (282-4977) has been designated the U-U Gay Caucus' contact person for the Boston rexxx

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REACTIONS: together

Dear GCN,

I just finished reading my first issue of your paper, and had to drop you this note. There are only two things I want to say. First, A. Nolder Gay's article on the gay pride parade was great. I was at the parade, and the atmosphere of love and togetherness among the marchers was something I have seldom seen.

I'd also like to say that I wish non-gays would take a little time to acquaint themselves with the gay community, through GCN, Gay Way or Closet Space. Maybe I'm wrong, but I think the smallest bit of understanding on our part could erase a lot of blind prejudice. (I'm not gay, I'm asexual.) But I guess that if people were willing to try and be open minded there would be no need for a parade.

Well, thanks for listening to me, and good luck with your paper.

Dick

dear sarge

[The following is an open letter to Governor Francis Sargent dated July 4, 1974.]

Dear Governor Sargent:

I am happy to take advantage of this opportunity to write to you as you prepare to present your statement on Gay Rights Legislation.

I feel it is absolutely essential that legislation providing for the equal rights of all gay people be passed as soon as possible. Homosexuals are the most mistreated, misrepresented and overtly persecuted of all the minority groups in today's society. In areas of housing and employment, homosexuals are given second rate treatment. Basic human rights — i.e. the right to the privacy of living one's own life as one sees fit — are denied to gay people. Often homophobes (people who excessively fear homosexuals), go to great lengths to deny rights to their fellow human beings who are homosexual — the struggle of the Gay Students Organization of the University of New Hampshire

against the oppression of Gov. Meldrim Thomson and William Loeb is an excellent example of this deplorable situation.

All too often, ignorance breeds fear; fear of what is not known, in the case of homosexuality, leads to oppression. But the straight media have done little to rectify the situation; in fact television, radio and newspapers create and maintain the false stereotypes that gay people dread and must fight against.

Only recently, we gay people have taken a stand; we have decided that enough is enough. The recently concluded Gay Pride Week is an affirmation of all that is positive and good in gay life. Gay Media Action and the Gay Community News strive to alter the image of gay people in the media, and to provide accurate coverage of gay activities. Efforts of many gay people have resulted in the recent decision of the American Psychiatric Association declassifying homosexuality as a "sickness." (It is pretty hard to "get well" when you weren't sick in the first place.)

In effect, gay people have taken things into their own hands. But still that is not enough. We must have legal recourse to fight those people who would still deny us our basic human rights. Laws must be passed guaranteeing our equality under the law. Other laws, such as those against sodomy, must be repealed. (Those straight people who feel that these laws protect people from being "seduced" into homosexuality, must realize that one of the basic precepts of the gay rights movement is an end to forced sexuality of any kind — whether rape, role-playing, or whatever.)

A return to the ideals upon which this country was founded should make it unnecessary to pass laws to guarantee rights for blacks, women, gay people, and other minority groups. But since this ideal situation does not exist, specific legislation for each of these groups must be passed to protect us from those people who would deny us our rights.

As I write this letter on the commemoration of our country's independence, I can only hope that the gay men and women of this nation will soon be able to celebrate their true independence.

Respectfully yours,
Terrence Helbing

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The Gay Person and Venereal Disease (part one)

by Satya Klein, D.D.S.

Venereal disease is a major health problem in the U.S. There are more than a million cases yearly, and many of these occur in the gay community. Many gays fear these diseases for other than the usual health reasons. Many straight physicians moralize about sex, making the gay person uncomfortable. Then there is the giving out of "contacts" which may be a sticky situation. Also there is the fear among gays that their anonymity will be destroyed leading to job loss, etc. And finally, there is the fear of opening up to straight people. Luckily, with much effort on the part of the gay community, enlightenment is coming to the medical field. Later in this article, I shall list clinics that treat us with dignity.

Gonorrhea

As for the venereal diseases (named after Venus, the Roman Goddess of Love), we shall start with gonorrhea. Gonorrhea is not only the most common venereal disease, but has actually reached epidemic proportions in parts of the U.S.

Gonorrhea is caused by the gonococcus bacteria. It thrives in the warm, moist mucous membrane tissues that line body openings. When exposed to air or subjected to slight temperature changes, these bacteria quickly die. Thus, you don't contract gonorrhea from toilet seats, dishes, or doorknobs. You get it from sexual contact with an infected person.

Men: Symptoms of gonorrhea in the male (usually showing up within 3 to 8 days after infection) are BURNING when urinating and/or WHITISH DISCHARGE from penis. Scarring of the male tubes is common, so get it treated immediately. If you have penile symptoms, and you have fucked a friend in the past few days, you better get him treated too!

A man may be infected anally without any symptoms (though there may be a slight anal discharge and/or itching around the anus).

You can also get gonorrhea in your mouth from fellatio. Always ask for a throat culture. The clinic doesn't always remember to do this, since they still need education regarding gays and venereal diseases.

Women: Nine out of ten infected women have NO symptoms of gonorrhea. In some women there is a discharge, but this is usually mistaken for something less serious. In a very advanced stage of gonorrhea, a woman may experience severe stomach pains. But if there is the slightest chance of infection, please get checked out. Don't wait for the advanced stage. Ask for a cervical smear if you suspect this disease.

Gonorrhea can cause permanent damage to the female internal sex organs, and may

prevent a woman from ever having children (should she choose to). Serious arthritis can also develop.

The early symptoms of gonorrhea (in both women and men) disappear without treatment. This does not mean that the disease is cured. It only means that the infection has moved away from the entry site to a deeper location.

Treatment: Gonorrhea can easily be cured by a physician's administration of antibiotics. DON'T try to treat it yourself. Inadequate self-doses of penicillin might only kill the weaker micro-organisms, causing the more destructive strains to take over and cause more damage.

Syphilis

The spirochete, the micro-organism causing syphilis, can survive in the open air for only a few seconds. Thus, like gonorrhea, syphilis is passed through sexual contact and not by toilet seats or cups.

The signs and symptoms depend on the duration of the disease:

A) **Primary Chancre:** This sore occurs from 10 to 90 days (21 average) after infection. This sore may be mistaken for something else, and, in any case, heals within one to five weeks. The chancre is not a dependable sign for syphilis. In some persons, it does not develop at all; in others, it might be too small to notice. If it does occur, it is at the site of entry (mouth, vagina, penis, anus). Gay men and all women need be especially careful, because a chancre would certainly not be noticed inside the anus or vagina. The chancre does not hurt or itch. A person may remain infectious (capable of passing the disease to others) for two years. The chancre is the most contagious stage of syphilis.

B) **Symptom-free Period:** This period lasts usually from 2 to 10 weeks.

C) **Secondary Lesions:** Following the symptom-free period, the person may develop sore throat, fever, and/or headaches. The skin may develop bumps ranging from a fine rash to oozing sores. Hair may fall out in patches. This period lasts anywhere from six months to two years. Throughout this stage, the person remains infectious to others. After this period, the syphilis will not be passed on to others, but will still continue destroying the infected person's body.

D) **Tertiary Stage:** The problems in this stage are severe: brain damage (paralysis); spinal cord damage producing severe leg pains, difficulty in walking (syphilitic gait); loss of bladder and bowel control; blindness; rupture of major heart vessels leading to death.

Detection and Treatment: The blood test for syphilis does not detect spirochetes in the blood. It detects the antibodies

(reagin) which the body produces to fight the spirochetes. It may take as long as 3 months after infection for one to produce a positive blood test. So even if your first blood test is negative, you should have a retesting 3 months later if there is the slightest possibility of having been infected.

Syphilis can be treated effectively in any of the stages with penicillin or other drugs. **SEE A DOCTOR.** DON'T try to cure yourself.

Both men and women with untreated syphilis can infect others for about two years. There is one exception: a woman can infect an unborn child for an INDEFINITE PERIOD (even 10 years after initial infection). Congenital syphilis (inherited from a syphilitic mother) is not a pretty sight.

Non-Specific Urethritis (NSU)

(This one's for men. So the women won't feel left out, please proceed to the next section.) NSU appears as a drip from the penis, and is usually confused with gonorrhea until seen under the microscope. It is a result of either allergy, virus, or bacterial infection. This is a good reason for men to wash their penises after anal intercourse.

NSU sometimes disappears without treatment; otherwise antibiotics are necessary.

Vaginitis

(This one's for women.) Vaginitis is a catch-all term for any inflammation of the vagina. The two most common producers of vaginitis are yeast and trichomonas.

Trichomonas is a protozoan animal (one-celled) which usually produces a thin, yellowish, unpleasant-smelling discharge in addition to itching and a burning sensation. It can be passed between women living in the same house and sharing towels and washcloths or through lovemaking.

Yeast infections have become much more common since the introduction of antibiotics. Yeasts are microscopic plants. Both yeasts and bacteria are normal occupants of the vagina, mouth, intestines. They vie with each other for space. If the bacteria are killed by an antibiotic, the yeast will take over (they are unaffected by antibiotics). Yeast infections also can occur if a woman is rundown. Yeast infection symptoms are a cottage-cheese discharge and itching in the vaginal area.

Doctors don't know much more than lay people concerning these infections. Before consulting a doctor, you may want to try this home remedy suggested by some womenfriends. Try douching the vagina with either yogurt or a solution of two tablespoons of white vinegar in a quart of warm water. But, if you feel that this (or any medical problem) is beyond your control, seek competent help in your community.

Crabs

Crab lice are a common problem. If you have a persistent itching in the pubic hair, take a close look for crabs. They can generally be seen, and look like small brownish freckles. But unlike freckles, crabs can be picked off and have little legs.

Crabs are passed from one person to another by sexual contact, toilet seats, or even from sleeping in the bed of someone who is infected. They reproduce rapidly, covering your pubic area with their offspring in a few weeks after initial contact.

Treatment: This is one venereal problem you can cure yourself (and without a prescription). A medicine like A-200 lotion (which you can get at any drugstore) applied to the area will quickly kill these pests. Make sure to wash all clothing, bed-sheets, etc., that may have come in contact with the crabs. Infected clothing can be a transmitter of this disease.

Scabies

These are tiny mites which burrow under the skin and cause intense itching. Scabies cannot be seen (they are very small), but they often leave skin eruptions similar to mosquito bites. The itching comes and goes, and usually gets worse at night. Scabies can be passed on by skin contact anywhere from the neck down. Then they quickly spread over the whole body.

Treatment: Kwell lotion will get rid of these bugs. (Don't try A-200. It won't work.)

Herpes Simplex Virus

Herpes is a fairly common disease, but other than discomfort causes little harm. It appears as clusters of tiny blisters which soon burst and cause lots of itching. Herpes occurs most commonly on the lips where it is called a fever blister or cold sore.

When in the genital area, this problem is called herpes genitalia. It can be found on the penis, labia, clitoris, cervix, or anus.

Herpes remains dormant (inactive) most of the time. It becomes active in times of stress, over-exposure to the sun, and for a variety of other reasons. Those two or three times a year that it becomes active, you can pass it to a sexual partner's lips or genitals.

Treatment: Once you've got Herpes, it will probably stay with you for many years if not for life. The healing process, which occurs naturally within a week to 10 days, can be accelerated by use of drying lotions or powders. A commercial preparation called Blistex has been recommended.

Venereal Warts

Venereal warts are caused by a virus and are transmitted by sexual contact. Both women and men can get these warts, and there is little that can be done until the virus disappears on its own. They can be burned off by an acid, and in some cases surgery may be necessary. See your doctor.

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The TV-TG-TS Phenomenon

by Ariadne Kane

In a recent *GCN* issue (Vol. I, No. 51) there appeared an article describing the nature and some of the feelings of the transvestite. We should like, now to amplify and supplement that piece with practical aspects of the TV world.

There is a wide variety of behavior encompassed by the terms transvestite (TV), transgenderist (TG), and transsexual (TS) and a great variation in attitude and motivation.

To understand the transvestite (TV)-transgenderist (TG)-transsexual (TS) phenomenon, one must bear in mind the distinction between natal sex and cultural gender, between male vs. masculine and female vs. feminine, and the spectrum that the TV world represents. Most persons are born with a well defined sex and its appropriate anatomy. (The very few exceptions found in recorded medical publications would be classified as hermaphrodites.) As a child develops, it is conditioned by the home and cultural environment to accept its gender. By the norms of society, a sexual male is conditioned toward masculine gender and a sexual female toward feminine gender. Masculine and feminine gender attributes are categorized, generally by societal norms. These attributes (non-physiological and non-anatomical) are arbitrary and have been accepted by society, mainly from a long-standing tradition. During the preadolescent development, a child is open to and will react to all conditioned stimuli, sometimes with positive and other times, negative feelings. It is the pattern of positive feelings, resulting from a wide variety of stimuli that determines the variation and tone of gender identity, and which may or may not coincide with a child's sexual identity. This is what may give rise to the phenomenon of TV-TG-TS. For our purposes, it will be convenient to consider five general types.

Type I is the "pseudotransvestite." His sex and gender more or less coincide. However, he may have the desire to try on selected apparel of the opposite sex. His sexual preference is for heterosexual experiences.

Type II are the fetishistic TV and include the "drag queen." His sex and gender differ in varying degrees. He may wish to wear a particular item of a woman's wardrobe (panties, bra, girdle, high heeled shoes, nylons, etc.) only, as expressions of feminine gender feelings. The "drag queen" dressed completely as a woman

with the intent of attracting a certain type of male, for sexual pleasure.

Type III is the transgenderist. He is a person whose sex is male, but whose gender is split between masculine and feminine attributes and feelings. He expresses his masculine feelings by doing those things our society expects of a man. He expresses his feminine feelings by dressing completely as a woman, and behaving in ways considered by society as female. He does this in the privacy of his home, if he can, or at a neutral place among a few friends who share and understand his feelings. He is generally married, but has bisexual tendencies. He prefers the company of those who understand and accept both aspects of his gender personality.

Type IV is the female impersonator. He is a person who possesses some feminine physical attributes (small hands or female torso or "womanly" legs, etc.). He dresses as a woman when performing on stage or at a nightclub. He enjoys mimicking the images of women, that are conceived of in a macho-oriented society (the femme fatale, the stripper, famous singers, etc.). Away from the stage, he dresses as a male, and has predominantly homosexual preferences. A few of these female impersonators have become sexual females, as a result of sexual reassignment surgery.

Type V is the transsexual. Here is a person whose sex is male but whose gender is almost completely feminine. His inner as well as his outer expressions are feminine. He may describe himself as a "female in a male body." He has abhorrence for his own sexual equipment and fervently wishes to replace it via sexual reassignment surgery. His desire is to live as a woman, both in outward appearance and inner feelings. He may prefer to be asexual prior to surgery and may want female sex partners, after surgery.

These categories give the reader an idea of the broad spectrum, extant within the TV-TG-TS phenomenon. There are subtleties in variation, within each type. Space does not allow for detailing all of these. The reader is referred to a book called *The Transsexual Phenomenon* by Dr. Harry Benjamin.

What are the needs and problems confronting the transvestite? In this article we will concentrate on the needs and problems for the Type III TV. He, like all minority factions, needs to be understood and accepted by society, in general. If our society adopted a "live and let live" attitude toward the TV, his feelings of guilt

would greatly diminish. He would be more able to express his total gender personality. Until society understands the nature of the phenomenon, he needs the support of other TVs. Such support is invaluable in helping to focus on the problem of his own gender identity. It gives him a feeling of not being alone and isolated. It frees him from some of the burden of guilt that he has lived with most of his life.

These are general, obvious needs and problems, but there are also particular problems of getting dresses and learning feminine ways. The TV would like to know where to buy apparel that fits and enhances his own feminine image. Does he go to a thrift shop and take his chances that the items he buys will fit well on him? Does he spend much money on an expensive wardrobe, never certain that what he bought fits him and is "right" for his "femme self"? He needs a place to dress, without fear of being exposed and ridiculed. Such places, apart from his home, are difficult to find and maintain. Correct application of cosmetics is an art learned only through much trial and tribulation. A TV would like to know which selection of cosmetics is best for him. How can he choose such a selection with a minimum of expense and time? The choice of wig is important in giving the TV a sense of attractiveness about his "femme self." How does he select the "right" wig for his femme personality? Should it be real or artificial hair? What should he spend for a wig?

Between 60-70% of all TVs are married. Many problems are created within the marriage because of a lack of understanding about the nature and practice of cross dressing. Many TVs avoid the subject by not telling their wives about their interest in wearing feminine apparel. Are there ways of opening discussion with the wife of a TV, such that she becomes sincerely interested in this interest of her husband? Does a TV tell his betrothed of his interest prior to marriage? What problems arise for the TV who may have children? How can the problem of understanding gender identity as something apart from sexual identity, best be dealt with?

These are some of the needs and problems a TV in our society faces today. It would be a triumph to Male Liberation, if a TV could find a public place where he could be accepted as his "femme self" without recriminations of guilt and ridicule. What places are open to the TV who does not barhop? Efforts toward resolution of some needs and problems are being made today.

Most significant of these efforts has been the formation of the Gender Identity Service of New England. Organized two years ago, it has been established to help TVs and TSs with their problems. They provide a variety of professional services, including a complete gender evaluation of a person, counseling of TVs and their wives, offer legal counsel for TVs and TSs, recommendation of proper medical personnel for hormone treatment and sexual reassignment surgery. Their presence and contribution towards understanding and acceptance of the TV-TG-TS phenomenon by society, has been of great value to all.

TVs and TSs are coming out of their "closets" today. A start has been made to help TVs meet other TVs. For the past month and continuing through the summer, a TV rap group has been meeting at offices in Boston. Every alternate Tuesday of the month, any and all parties interested in transvestism, are invited to attend. Consult the Gayway radio program on WBUR FM, Thursday evenings at 9:00 p.m. or call HUB (536-6197) for information about time and place. This spring, a group of TVs, representative of the spectrum of the phenomenon, participated in a workshop at the New England Gay Conference. It was probably the first time the active gay community had an opportunity to meet and talk with TVs. A valuable exchange of views and ideas took place and resulted in an education for all.

TVs are persona grata at the Charles Street Meeting House Cafe. In Provincetown, a TV presents his "femme self" as passable in public, can enjoy the ambiance and fun of a sensitive and dynamic community. As yet, it is not possible for a TV to go anywhere he wishes in the Greater Boston area. However, certain shops in this area have been understanding and helpful in providing for some of the wardrobe needs of the TV.

This is the present status of the TV-TG-TS phenomenon. In American society, today, among the plethora of Liberation groups, there are those men who wish to be free from the fetters of a macho-oriented society. They want to express their total gender personality, as they perceive and feel it. Males who dress in women's apparel represent a small group, attempting to loosen themselves from the shackles and burdens our society has placed upon them. The practice of cross-dressing serves as an expression of feminine gender feelings and is a release from the demanding tensions of their work and responsibilities. It is, if one views it, an approach to Male Liberation. We hope that this and the previous article have helped to create an atmosphere through which real depth of understanding and positive exchange of feelings between us and society can be achieved.

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Under Foreign Fags: Paris

by Jonathan Cross

A summing up of the European gay scene would seem both useful and impossible. If there were, in fact, some key, some list, more or less arcane, promising entree and happy contacts to the traveling American gay, how convenient it would be for all concerned. But the realities of gay life abroad are both too complex and too intriguing for any list or guide or collection of knowledgeable hints and addresses. However well armed with advice and available info., the gay American in Europe is by definition and by choice the stranger, the outsider, the passionate pilgrim abroad. This fact alone can take some getting used to — especially for the first-timer whose French is of the *la plume de ma tante* variety, and whose Italian is mostly confined to *ciao* and *prosciutto*. Gay Europe is as evasive and evanescent in its fashions as is gay America; perhaps moreso; new clubs open monthly, as old ones wither away, and if you should strike the local hot spot you're just lucky. Furthermore, with the two exceptions of Amsterdam and Copenhagen, European cities are decidedly up-tight, closety, and far from cheap.

In the City of Light, for example, the rage of *tout* gay Paris is (or was as of mid-June), a strange, tiny, stand up bar in the First Arrondissement called *Le Bronx* (11 rue St. Anne). You'll find it listed in the most up-to-the-minute gay guides as a leather jacket, rough trade hang-out, which it isn't. It's actually a peculiarly un-French

combination of bar, bath, and grope-in — very dark, very crowded, and very friendly — not at all the sophisticated, elegant Parisian *bistro* of song and story. There are even a few sordid bunk beds in the back, for those who can't wait to get home.

Of course, gay Paris has always been famous for its drag shows. *Madame Arthur* and *Chez Michou* (both in Montmartre on the rue des Martyrs), have been crowded since the war, bringing pretty blushes to straight cheeks from Milwaukee and clearing a pretty *sou* in the process. It currently costs five dollars for a beer at the bar during show time at *Michou's Folies*. Equally extravagant and a bit less touristic is *La Licorne*, hidden away down an alley on the Left Bank at 4 rue Maitre Albert. Here it costs about thirteen dollars for a drink and a meal, to watch about a dozen drag queens strutting their stuffing. A clip joint, in my opinion. *La Licorne* is so new and so popular it isn't in any of the guide-books yet; by the time they get around to it, it'll probably have closed.

Another very popular, very expensive, and very Parisian *divertissement* is eating long, sexy, splendid meals in glittering surroundings, with lots of other gay couples. Paris is dotted with astronomical eateries like *Au Vieux Casque* (19 rue Bonaparte), or *L'Attrappe Coeur* (9 rue Christine), or *L'Infini* (9 rue Guisarde), all in the Sixth Arrondissement. Expect to pay ten to twenty dollars apiece plus service.

Dancing? Well, there are a few bars with small dance floors. Last month the biggest and best was probably *La Scaramouche* in the Second Arrondissement at

44 rue Vivienne. It's about half the size of our own *After Dark*, and the disc jockey leaves a lot to be desired — the drinks are \$2.25 and up. No ice. Private clubs also exist — dark doorways, no sign, peep-holes, the whole speak-easy *schtick*. A Paris friend managed to sneak me by the bouncer for a night at his club *Arcadie* (in the 10th, at 61 rue Chateau d'Eau) — very crowded, lots of *tres intime* slow waltzes, *waltzes*. It may be the best dancing club in Paris, but it's closed, closed, closed, to the occasional visitor.

So how do you surmount these barriers of locks and language and expensive habits? My advice, for what it's worth, is to try the baths. Paris has four gay saunas — all public, well-equipped and not especially costly. And once inside, it's all eye contact and body language. Example? Try the *Sauna Vapeur Guillaume Tell* (23 rue Guillaume Tell, Metro Pereire). For \$5 you can stay till midnight sipping absinthe in the winter garden, watching the color TV, or having a legit. massage. The private rooms are really rooms, with beds, chairs, blankets, pillows, and a lock on the door. It's one way to meet Parisians when you don't know enough French to say your place or mine. The other three are the *Sauna Bains Poncelet* at 7 rue Poncelet, Metro Ternes; *Elysee Sauna Club*, 12 rue Miromesnil, Metro Miromesnil; and *Bains Sauna de Milan*, 22 rue de Milan, Metro Liege. All four close at midnight. Like the rest of the gay world, they're at their liveliest on weekends.

Next week: the pleasures and perils of fabled Amsterdam.

Local Gay Artists: James Marshall

by John Mitzel

The Stupids Step Out. Written by Harry Allard; illustrated by James Marshall. Houghton-Mifflin, \$4.95.

Though James Marshall has only been creating children's books for less than three years, he already has eleven books in print to his credit, either as author-illustrator or as just illustrator. About 100,000 copies of his books are in circulation. His career in the children's book field is something of a phenomenon. What makes Marshall stand out from the crowded ranks of other picture book authors and illustrators is his combination of simplicity of style and keen sophisticated sense of fun and humor. Marshall's books are finding a growing audience among adults, as well as children, who delight in his sly wit.

The book which brought James Marshall to prominence was *George and Martha*. This book is a collection of five brief stories of two hippo friends whose amity, though continually tested, endures all anthropomorphic foibles. The book has a very special charm and was an instant triumph with librarians, the public, kids, and Nora Magrid, a book reviewer for *The N.Y. Times* who raved about *George and Martha* and Marshall's talent in a glowing piece in that paper's Sunday book section.

The success of this first book meant a significant turn of events in Marshall's life. He was born and raised in Texas where he had studied music and become an accomplished violist. But an injury he sustained in an airplane accident terminated that career. He left Texas and after a series of moves settled in Charlestown, Mass., in 1968 where he lives today with his six cats and an English bulldog named Irene.

George and Martha was followed by other books: *What's the Matter with Carruthers?*, *Yummers!* — a personal favorite

of mine — and *George and Martha Encore*. One of Marshall's books *Miss Dog's Christmas Treat* was wrapped in with boxes of Fanny Farmer chocolates and sold as a combination package. After the publication of *G & M Encore*, Nora Magrid interviewed the author *chez* Marshall and gave him a full page write-up in *The Times*.

James Marshall's latest book, *The Stupids Step Out*, authored by Harry Allard, another Charlestown resident, is his most amusing book and quite likely, as Gene Shalit said on *The Today Show*, to become a cult book in years to come.

It's the story of a very stupid nuclear family who try to get-it-together in order to visit grandma & gramps. Mother puts the cat, named "Dog," on her head and thinks it's a hat. Since these folks are so incredibly dumb-dumb their canine has to drive their Model-T. They arrive at the

grandparents' house. Where's granny? Well, somehow she's managed to get herself into a closet and she's just too stupid to get out. Are these people Drug Addicts? Meth freaks? No. They're just an overbred strain of Mencken's *boobus americanus*.

James Marshall's imaginary world is rich with an entertaining population of bemused and sometimes all-too-human animals as well as some people who have lots to learn from the likes of Eugene the Turtle, Emily Pig, Carruthers the Bear, and of course *George and Martha*. Adults unfamiliar with the children's books section in their bookstores should begin to examine some of the fabulous and exciting things going on in that corner: there couldn't be a better way to start than with the work of James Marshall and with, particularly, *The Stupids Step Out*.



DID YOU SEE?

~ A survey of coverage by the "straight" press.

by Ginny Collins

The Wall Street Journal, July 1, front page-column one: "LAST MINORITY?/WITH LITTLE FANFARE, MORE FIRMS ACCEPT HOMOSEXUAL EMPLOYEES . . . LOCAL LAWS, GAY ACTIVISM PROMPT SHIFT IN HIRING; BUT MANY RESIST TREND . . . A NEW BEER DISTRIBUTOR." This whole article is excellent (written by Mike Tharp, staff reporter of *The Wall Street Journal*.) He reports on the changing attitudes in hiring and firing policies by companies toward employees it knows are, or believes to be, homosexuals. Tharp says "several factors have encouraged the trend. One is a series of court rulings prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Federal courts have required that a connection be established between an individual's conduct and his or her performance on the job, in effect declaring that homosexuality by itself isn't sufficient grounds for dismissal.

A major influence has been the burgeoning activism of homosexual associations nationwide. In 1969, for example, there were 20 homosexual organizations in the U.S. listed by the Gay Activists Alliance in New York City. This year there are 1400. "The social dynamics of tolerance has grown," says Morty Manfred, president of the alliance.

Companies have begun to accept homosexuals for a variety of reasons, not all of them altruistic . . .

A few firms even capitalize on an employee's homosexuality. Vito Russo was hired away from the Museum of Modern Art in New York City by Cinema V Ltd. specifically to sell films to homosexual audiences. "They knew I was gay when they hired me, he says. "They not only realized that it's OK to hire gay people, but that there's a gay market to be reached." (Mr. Russo is currently working on a book about homosexuality in cinema.) In San Francisco, a local beer distributor hired a homosexual man to deal with homosexual bars there . . .

Although the overall climate in the business community remains conservative, other sectors have shown different attitudes. There are organizations of homosexual doctors, psychologists, professors,

and one of parents of homosexuals. There's even a homosexual employment and counseling service in New York City that tries to place openly homosexual persons with nondiscriminatory employers.

For every example of nondiscrimination, however, there are several examples of employers, landlords, credit grantors and others who view homosexuals with hostility or contempt. Says Mr. Manfred of the Gay Activist Alliance: "Psychiatrists tell us we're sick; churches tell us we're sinners; capitalists call us subversives; Communists tell us we're decadent. This has taken its toll on people and their ability to recognize the humanity of one-tenth of the population."

The New York Times, July 8, front page (very well located). George Dugan (*Times* staffer) gives a descriptive report on the parade to Central Park that closed Gay Pride Week. Along with the article there's a very attractive picture of Rev. Tom Oddo, national secretary of Dignity, a national organization of Roman Catholics.

The Boston Globe, July 7, "Living" section and page 58. In this article ("Sex education: it's come a long way . . . maybe") the authoress, Maria Karagianis (*Globe* staffer) has included a "Facts and Fallacies" sheet (which is from Chapter 7 of an 89-page teacher's manual, "A Curriculum Guide on Sex Education for Elementary Grades 5-6," published by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Division of Communicable Diseases.). Here are some of the "Facts and Fallacies" listed which could raise one's consciousness as well as provide a few chuckles.

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Sexual interest, play or activity takes place at the time of puberty. (*Sexual play and interest may occur even before the latency period.*)

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since the symptoms are obvious. (*Only a doctor can tell if one has VD.*)

A homosexual man is incapable of having intercourse with a woman. (*Many homosexuals of both sexes are married and have children.*)

French or soul kissing is not natural. (*Passionate kissing is natural but it is so sexually stimulating it can easily lead to more serious sexual behavior.*)

Sexual compatibility is the best basis for a happy marriage. (*Psychological compatibility is more important than sexual compatibility for a happy marriage.*)

A truly feminine woman relates well only to men. (*A truly feminine woman relates well to both sexes.*)

(*And one would think that a TRULY MASCULINE man relates well to BOTH sexes.*)

Masturbation causes acne. (*There is no connection between masturbation and acne.*)

It is impossible to inseminate women artificially. (*More than 50,000 women in*

the United States have conceived as a result of artificial insemination.

Girls who parade their femininity have a stronger sex identity. (*Extreme emphasis on sex by dress or manner frequently is indicative of an uncertain sex identity.*)

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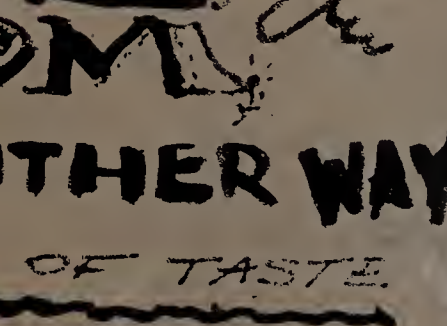
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COMING... JULY 18 thru JULY 30

18 thurs

The Gay United Fund group will meet tonight at 8 pm in the Charles Street Meetinghouse, to discuss further plans for the fund. There are an abundance of young men interested in working on this, and the call is hereby out for women and older gays to become involved. Show up!

19 fri

Dances at the Charles Street Meetinghouse, corner of Charles and Mt. Vernon St., Boston, will resume tonight on a once a month basis. Dancing starts at 9 pm, and will be free. However, donations will be accepted at the door for the benefit of HUB and its valuable news clipping service. The date for each monthly dance will be announced.

Session tonight at 8 pm for *Training People on Staffing the DOB Office and Answering the Phone*. At the DOB office, 419 Boylston St., Boston, room 323.

20 sat

Dignity will hold a beach party today at Crane's Beach. Meet at 10 in the a.m. at St. Clement's Church, 1105 Boylston St., Boston. It's a B.Y.O.L.

Today and Tomorrow New Hampshire DOB will hold a campout in that state. For information, write Occupant, Box 137, Northwood, N.H. 03261.

Children's Day for the children of gay parents, an outing to Stoneham Zoo... Meet at Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston at 12 noon. Bring a picnic lunch. Parents welcome also. Sponsored by Metropolitan Community Church, Boston.

21 sun

Homophile Union of Boston will have an outing to Tanglewood today, consisting of music and a lunch on the lawn. Rides and riders should assemble at the HUB offices, 419 Boylston St., Boston, at 10 am for the 2:30 pm event. Persons planning to attend should call the HUB office, 536-6197, evenings for more information, and to straighten out the transportation. Call by Friday the 19th.

Gay In Vermont will hold a picnic today in Mt. Philo State Park, off Rte. 7 in Charlotte. Will begin at 1 pm... bring your own eats and refreshments. Rain date will be Sunday, July 28.

DOB Boston picnic at Cochituate State Park, Natick. Group will leave from the DOB office, 419 Boylston St., Boston at 10 am sharp. Call DOB office, 262-1592, if you need a ride or can offer one. Bring food and fuel to stoke the fireplace there... swimming is available too. Admission to the park is \$1 for a car, 25c for bikes. *Rain or shine!*

Fengay will hold a pot-luck supper tonight at 7 pm in the Fenway Community Health Center, 16 Haviland St., Boston. Bring what you want to share. *See ya.*

22 mon

Tonight's DOB topic Rap will have a *Health Care Night*: Speakers with slides from the Women's Community Health Center on women's health care and self-help will be featured. Presentation will include a self-examination demonstration. They ask a \$2 donation for the speculum and literature that they bring... If you don't have the donation, please come anyway; your health is too important to wait on money.

Margo Schuller and her one-person Modal Cosmic Blues Ensemble will present original Lesbian songs and instrumentals tonight at 8 pm at Cambridge Folk and Tale House, 863 Main St., near Central Square in Cambridge. Admission will be \$1.50 at the door.

23 tues

The Allston Gay Community Group will meet tonight at 8 pm, at Tony Bosco's house, 9 Wilton St., Allston. All interested persons are urged to attend. For more information, call Tony at 783-5131.

Transvestite Rap tonight, and alternate Tuesdays thereafter, at 7:30 pm in room 415, 419 Boylston St., Boston. All interested persons are invited to attend.

24 wed

GCN film benefit tonight at 6, 7:30 and 9 p.m. New England premiere of *A Very Natural Thing* at the Garden Cinema, 19 Arlington St., Boston. Tix will be \$3, at the door, all proceeds going to GCN. Come early as seating is limited.

26 fri

MCC is sponsoring a pot-luck supper for gay couples tonight at 7 pm in Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston. Both male and female couples are invited to attend. Bring your favorite dish to share with others.

30 tues

VICI sponsored debate titled *Should Sanctions Against Homosexuality be Abolished?* will be held starting at 7:30 pm at St. Paul's Cathedral in Burlington. Speaking on the *pro* side will be Chad Walsh, noted poet and religious writer. Speaking *con* will be Richard Fletcher, an officer of the Chittendon Trust Co. and a leader in local church affairs. Questions from the audience will be taken, and a vote by those present will close the session. Let's have a good showing of support for our rights by filling the audience!

Please submit Calendar items to "Calendar Editor," c/o GCN, by 1:00 p.m. Sunday prior to the issue date.

everyweek

WEDNESDAYS

7:00 pm—Gay Support & Action, Unitarian Parish House, Bangor, Maine
7-10 pm—MCC Health Center, 75 Empire St., Providence
7:30 pm—DOB Lesbian Mothers' Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323
8:00 pm—Bisexual Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 415
8:00 pm—Gaybreak Radio, WMUA, 91.1 FM, Amherst (first and third Wednesdays)

THURSDAYS

10:00 am—Gay News, WCAS, 740 AM
7:30 pm—MCC Mid-week Encounter, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston
8:00 pm—Lesbian Liberation meeting, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge
12M-3 am—MCC Providence Coffee House

8:00 pm—DOB Older Womens' Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323
9:00 pm—Gay Way Radio, WBUR 90.9 FM
Evenings—Gay Rights Organization, Portland, Maine

FRIDAYS

5:30-6:30 pm—Harvard-Radcliffe GSN, Brooks House; info: 498-3096
7:00 pm—Wilde-Stein Club, Univ. of Maine, Memorial Union
7:30 pm—MCC Worcester Study Group, 82 Franklin St., Rm. 31, Worcester, Mass.
8:30 pm—B'nai Haskalah, Old West Church, Boston
1 am-5 am—MCC Prov. Coffee House

SATURDAYS

1:00 pm—Boston Gay Youth, referrals & info, 536-6197
1:00-3:00 pm—Worcester Gay Youth, 82 Franklin St., Rm. 31, Worcester
2:00 pm—Boston Gay Youth, open rap & meeting, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 509
1 am-5 am—MCC Prov. Coffee House

3:00 pm—Worcester Gay Union radio program on WCUW-FM, 91.3 Mc.

SUNDAYS

10:30 am—"Closet Space," WCAS, 740 AM, 492-6450
1:00 pm—DOB softball, Magazine Beach, Cambridge
2-4 pm—Gay Women of Providence rap, etc. 861-5495
4:00 pm—MIT SHL meeting, Rm. 1-132 (first & third Sundays)
5:30 pm—Exodus Mass, St. Clement's Church, 1105 Boylston St., Boston
6:30 pm—MCC Boston, hymn-sing, worship and fellowship, Old West Church, Boston
7:00 pm—MCC Providence services, 75 Empire St., Providence, 831-3733
7:30 pm—MCC Hartford, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1 Amity St.
8:00 pm—Worcester Gay Union, 82 Franklin St., Worcester, Rm. 31
12M83 am—MCC Prov. Coffee House

MONDAYS

7:00-10:00 pm—Bisexual Phone Line, 266-5347
7-10 pm—MCC Health Center, 75 Empire St., Providence

TUESDAYS

6:30-9:30 pm—Boston Gay Youth, phone referrals & info: 536-6197
7:00 pm—Lesbian Therapy Research Project, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge
7:30 pm—DOB Women's Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323
7:30 pm—Providence MCC prayer group, 75 Empire St., Providence, 831-3773. Rap session follows at 8 p.m.

QUICK GAY GUIDE

(Please submit additions and changes to "QGG Editor")

BOSTON AREA (area code 617)
Bisexual Rap Counseling Group 864-8181
Boston Gay Youth 536-6197
B'nai Haskalah 265-6409
Cambridge Women's Center 354-8807
Charles Street Meetinghouse 523-0368
Civil Liberties Union of Mass. 227-9469
Closet Space (WCAS 740 AM) 492-6450
Daughters Of Bilitis 262-1592
Dignity/Boston
c/o 1105 Boylston St., Boston 02215
Emerson Homophile Society for the Arts, Room 34, 96 Beacon St., Boston 02108
Fag Rag 536-9826
Fenway Community Health Center 267-7573
Fengay, c/o Thom Nylund 267-0516
Gay Academic Union
Gay Alert 523-0368, 267-0764, 536-3285
Gay Community News 426-4469
Gay Media Action 868-5729
Gay Nurses' Alliance 266-5473
Gay Peoples' Group of UMass/Boston 287-1900x3236
Gay Speakers Bureau 547-1451
Gay Way Radio (WBUR 90.9 FM) 353-2790

Gender Identity Service 864-8181
Good Gay Poets 536-9826
Hang In There Help-Line (H.I.T.) 738-0486
Homophile Community Health Service 266-5477
Homophile Union of Boston 536-6197
Lavender Hour (WBCN 104.1 FM) 266-1111
Lesbian Liberation (c/o Women's Ctr.) 354-8807
Lesbian Mothers 354-8807
Lesbian Therapy Research Project 354-8807
Metropolitan Community Church 523-7664
MIT Student Homophile League 494-8227
Project Place 267-9150
Fr. Paul Shanley 267-0764

EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS (area 617)

Homophile Union of Montachusett, P.O. Box F5, Leominster
MCC Study Group of Worcester, P.O. Box 273, Rutland, Mass. 01543
New Bedford Women's Clinic 999-1070
SMU Gay Alliance, SMU Campus Center, N. Dartmouth 02747
Tufts Gay Community, c/o HUB 628-0828
Worcester Gay Union, P.O. Box 359 Federal Sta., Worcester
Worcester Gay Youth, 82 Franklin St., Rm. 31, Worcester

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS (area 413)
Amherst Gay Hotline (men & women) 545-0154

Everywoman's Center (Amherst) 545-0883
Gaybreak Radio (WMUA 91.9 FM) 253-5171
Hampshire College Gay Friends 452-4600x4882 (Amherst)

Southwest Women's Center (Amherst) 545-0626
UMass-Amherst Student Homophile League 545-0154
Valley Women's Center (Northampton) 586-2011

RHODE ISLAND (area code 401)

Brown University Gay Liberation, c/o Student Activities Office, Brown U., Providence 02912
Dignity/Providence, P.O. Box 2231, Pawtucket 02861
Gay Women of Providence 861-5495 & 942-2094
Homophile Community Health Service (Providence) 274-4737
Metropolitan Community Church and Coffee House (Providence) 831-3773
Kingston Gay Liberation 792-5817

VERMONT (area code 802)

Gay in Vermont (Burlington) 863-2496
Vermont Gay Women 425-2782
Women's Switchboard 862-5504

CONNECTICUT (area code 203)

George W. Henry Foundation, Hartford 522-2646

Gay Alliance at Yale, 2031 Yale Station, New Haven 06620
Kalos Society, P.O. Box 403, Hartford 06101
Metropolitan Community Church 525-3523 (Hartford)

NEW HAMPSHIRE (area code 603)

Univ. N.H. Gay Student Organization, c/o Memorial Union, Durham 03824
Women's Group, P.O. Box 137, Northwood 03261
Do not use "gay" on any mail to this group

MAINE (area code 207)

Bangor Unitarian Gay Caucus, P.O. Box 1046, Bangor
Brunswick Gay Women's Group, 136 Maine St., Brunswick
Gay Rights Organization (GRO), P.O. Box 4542, Portland
Gay Support and Action, 183 Main St., Bangor 04401
Hancock County Gays, P.O. Box 275, Ellsworth 04605
Lambda, 30 Cumberland St., Brunswick, Maine 04011, c/o Fortuna & Leo
The Bridge, Box 901, Roberts Union, Colby College, Waterville 04901
Wilde-Stein Club, Abenaki-Memorial Union, University of Maine, Orono 04473